

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement feed~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds, which ~~comprises; contains, as basic ingredients, a foodstuff with a~~ more than 5% by weight of water-soluble indigestible polysaccharides relative to a total amount of dried foodstuff, as exploited said indigestible polysaccharides capable of being decomposed by intestinal bacteria in terms of dried foodstuff and has restricted addition of protein components, and b) Bacillus coagulans, said foodstuff having protein component of 50% or less.

2. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement feed~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to Claim 1, wherein said food contains more than 5% by weight of indigestible polysaccharides in terms of dried foodstuff and protein components ~~restricted to at~~ 8% or less by weight.

3. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement feed~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said indigestible polysaccharides are ~~one kind~~ selected from ~~pectine~~ pectin, polydextrose, alginic acid, fucoidan, chitin, chitosan, testa-derived hemicellulose, acacia gum, arum root-derived mannan, agar, and sugar alcohol and polymers of sugar alcohol.

4. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement feed~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 2, wherein said indigestible polysaccharides contains at least polydextrose and ~~pectine~~ pectin with a ratio of 0.05 to 100 parts by weight of ~~pectine~~ pectin to 100 parts of polydextrose.

5. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement feed~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to any of claims 1, 2 and 4, further containing at least one of trace metal, vitamin and fat.

6. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement food~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 3, further containing at least one of trace metal, vitamin and fat.

7. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement food~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to any of claims 1, 2 and 4, which food is formed in beverage, biscuit, cookie, cake, ice cream, sherbet, bread, noodle or jelly.

8. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement food~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 3, which food is formed in beverage, biscuit, cookie, cake, ice cream, sherbet, bread, noodle or jelly.

9. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement food~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 5, which food is formed in beverage, biscuit, cookie, cake, ice cream, sherbet, bread, noodle or jelly.

10. (Currently Amended) Food composition ~~Pathological improvement food~~ for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 6, which food is formed in beverage, biscuit, cookie, cake, ice cream, sherbet, bread, noodle or jelly.